GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:297
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2008
OO DISABLED PEOPLE LIVING IN HILLY TRIBAL AND REMOTE AREAS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated any separate funds for the physically and mentally challenged persons living in hilly, tribal and remote areas;

(b) if so,the details thereof during the last three years and the current year State-wise;

(c) whether the people of the said areas are not getting the benefits of these schemes;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of these schemes reach the targeted areas; and

(e) the progress made as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.297 FOR 18.12.2008 BY DHIRENDRA AGARWAL AND SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO REGARDING DISABLED PEOPLE LIVING IN HILLY,TRIBAL AND REMOTE AREAS.

For the benefit of the Persons with disabilities,Government implements,inter alia,the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and the scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP).In addition,District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRC) are set upL,to provide rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities at the district level.

2. Allocation for North-Eastern States is made separately under DDRS and ADIP schemes.To ensure even distribution of services to beneficiaries,financial allocations are being made district-wise under the ADIP Scheme from 2007-08.

3. Details of release of funds to States in the North-East, other hilly States,and other States with more than 10% Tribal population under ADIP and DDRS are enclosed at Annexure I & II No.of DDRCs functioning in each of these States is given in Annexure III.